

REMARKS

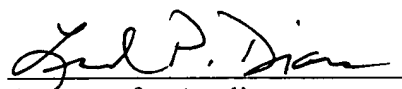
It is proposed to amend Claim 20, step g, to read “means for accumulating coefficients in each subband of the LH, HL and HH subbands to form blocks of the specified block size, and accumulating at least one block of the specified block size in the LL subband at the predetermined level; and”, to ensure consistency of terminology.

The proposed change is not believed to raise new issues or to require further consideration, and accordingly, entry of this Amendment After Allowance as being directed to matters of form is respectfully requested.

In addition, Applicants submit the following comments on the Examiner’s statement of reasons for allowance in the Notice of Allowability that accompanied the Notice of Allowance dated April 22, 2005. On page 2, paragraph 2, it states “[r]egarding claim 1, the closest cited prior art fails to teach or suggest the features recited in steps d-e”. Applicants submit that, in addition to steps (d)-(e) noted by the Examiner, step (a) of Claim 1 is neither disclosed nor suggested by the cited prior art.

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